licensing requirements, where applicable. The policy on FDI is reviewed on a continuing basis through an inter-ministerial consultation process with a view to rationalization/liberalization of the policy.

Overcharging of drugs

2046.SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) detected instances of over-charging and selling without price approval of several hundred categories of drugs by major drug manufacturers and have launched process of recovery from them the overcharged amount and penalty;

(b) if so, the details of the findings of NPPA;

(c) the current status of the process of recovery of over-charged sums and penalty from the guilty manufacturers; and

(d) the steps initiated, if any, by Government to prevent recurrence of such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) Yes, Sir. NPPA has detected several instances of overcharging and selling without price approval.

(b) to (d) Since the inception of National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) in August 1997, NPPA has raised a total demand of Rs. 1815.86 crores (up to 30.11.08) for recovery towards overcharged amount, under the provisions of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1995 (DPCO, 1995) read with Essential Commodities Act, 1955. NPPA has recovered Rs.131.99 crores so far (upto 30.11.08) from defaulting companies. Recoveries amounting to Rs. 1442.57 crores are *sub-judice* in various Courts. The recovery of balance amount of overcharging is in different stages of recovery. NPPA continues to take appropriate action regularly for recovery of the overcharged amount.

Relief packages given by private organizations to the Bhopal tragedy victims

2047.SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether several private trusts have been engaged in organizing relief/rehabilitation for citizens suffering from ailments and deformities due to the poisonous gas leak on 3rd December, 1984 at the Union Carbide factory in Bhopal;

(b) if so, the details of such private trusts/Voluntary Organizations (VO), duly recognized by Government, who have been engaged in the relief and rehabilitation of Bhopal gas victims indicating the details of financial grants, if any, provided to each of them, year-wise;

(c) whether donations to these trusts/VOs made eligible to exemption under the Income Tax Act; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?